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Barry C. Muffoletto et al.

Serial No. 09/628,174

Group 1775

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For: Method For Improving Electrical Conductivity
Of Metals, Metal Alloys and Metal Oxides

REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.103(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request that action on the above-identified application be suspended for a period of 2 months from the date of this request. Please charge the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 08-2442 of applicants' attorneys. A Fee Transmittal form PTO/SB/17 is enclosed.

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During a recent telephone conversation, Examiner McNeill inquired whether the comparative data discussed on page 8 of the instant application included data based on the process disclosed

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in the reference patent 5,098,485. An inquiry of the inventors is necessary to respond to the Examiner's question. Also during that telephone conversation, the possibility of obtaining comparative data relative to patent 5,098,485 and a supporting Declaration was discussed.

This request for suspension of action is not made for purposes of delay but to provide additional time to accomplish the foregoing.

Favorable action on this request is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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